

word. Sister Gibbons has been suffering from a sudden attack of La Grip this week, but is now much better, and we hope may be out in a few days. Our attendance fluctuates very much from evening to evening, but this is partly owing to so much sickness. There is a great deal of Diphtheria and scarlet fever in the city.

Sunday school is improving in attendance and interest. We are pleased to receive a card from sister Alma Moomaw, who has been attending the M. E. Missionary training school, in this city, saying, that she will be with us Sunday, and can help us every Sunday in the Sunday school. We shall be glad for this, as we need help in the way of teachers. We are helping the needy with such needful things as are sent us by friends for that purpose, and we aim to send with it that help that is most needful to the unfortunate; "i. e. the kingdom of God and its righteousness."

Recent events in the United States Congress, touching the "Roberts case," brings again before the American people the mighty question of Mormonism and their great activity in the effort to bring their religion before the world. When I look around me at the fakes, in the way of pretended "divine healers" (for revenue only,) and see the vast energy expended to spread false views, and false doctrines, by people who are evidently unscrupulous, and some of them but charlatans, and the large sums of money they gather from their dupes, I almost weep to think how little we are doing. May the Lord stir up a greater zeal among the Brethren for missionary work. The Mormons are spending more money in Chicago for missionary work than we are in all the United States. God has committed to us a great trust. Friends of missions, let us pray earnestly for a deeper interest on the part of the general brotherhood. Brethren pray for us.

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#### Notes From Zed H. Copp

Two more have been added by relation from the German Baptist since our last report. They are man and wife, and come well recommended.

Last night there was the largest attendance at prayer meeting since we have been here. Brother John T. Eversole, that champion of righteousness, led the services, the pastor not being well enough to attend. Every department of church work has taken on new life to a *surprising degree*. The Sunday school runs continuously close to the high-water mark; the King's Children, under the inspiring leadership of brother Arthur Kimmel, is doing wonders in grace, and in growth; the Aid Society is truly a Dorcasian household, every one of which is a mother in Israel, and their members increase at every meeting; the preaching services—well there are still a few who attend, as the large congregation of members Sunday mornings and the well filled houses at night can attest.

The church has passed thro the threshing process, with the result that the Spirit has garnered the wheat and the chaff has blown away. May the Lord be merciful.

Brother W. A. Welty, of Louisville, Ohio, will be with us from Feb. 5th to 16th, the Lord willing. We are expecting great things under the ministration of this miniature Moody, for we have fellowship one with another, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus. Pray for the success of this great work. Feb. 4th will be a day of fasting and prayer. Pray with us and for us.

I am lamed again too much to go about, but Mrs. Copp is doing some necessary pastoral work.

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## The Sunday School

### LESSON 6—FEBRUARY 11, 1900

#### Jesus and Nicodemus—John 3:1-18

*Golden Text*—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

*Lesson Thought*.—The new birth, or being born from above, is a universal necessity, and an absolute condition of entrance into the kingdom of God.

*Time*—About the time of the Passover, April 9-16, A. D. 27. About two months after he had gained the first disciples.

*Place*.—The upper chamber of the house in Jerusalem where Jesus was the guest.

*Persons*.—John was still preaching in the wilderness of Judea. Jesus 30 years old, and having fully entered upon his public work.

#### Home Readings

Read John 2; Num. 21:4-9; II Cor. 5:14-21; Rom. 6:1-11; 8:1-14; 5:1-11; Eph. 4:22-25. Learn by heart verses 14:17.

#### Lesson Text

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 The same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born anew, he can not see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou the teacher of Israel, and understandest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and bear witness of that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you heavenly things.

13 As no man has ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, even the Son of man, which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth may in him have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

17 For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved thru him.

18 He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

#### Lesson Links

Turning in your Brethren Quarterly to page 2, you will find a splendid harmony of the gospels, which shows you the events in the life of Jesus in their regular order of time.

After Jesus had so simply and yet so wonderfully revealed himself to Andrew and John, that they were convinced of his Messiahship and went out at once to tell the glad news to their brothers and friends, he left the parts where John was baptizing and went back toward his home in Galilee.

However, he seems to have stopped at Nazareth but a short time, if at all, before he went on to Cana, four miles north east of Nazareth where was a marriage to which his mother, himself and his disciples were bidden. Here occurred the miracle of turning the water into wine. Then they went down to Capernaum for a few days. Then he started for Jerusalem to attend the Passover.

While there, Jesus cleansed the temple of the money changers and those who sold the animals for sacrifice. Upon this occurred his first conflict with the Jews, who argued with him about his authority to cleanse the temple thus.

#### Lesson Story

This incident of the cleansing of the temple brought Jesus his first publicity in Jerusalem. It was a strange and dangerous thing for a man, and him an unlearned peasant from far off despised Nazareth of Galilee, to assume such authority among the learned doctors of Jerusalem. Who was this Jesus that he should break up a time honored custom and one which was so profitable to the heads of the nation, and to tell them to their teeth that they had made God's house a den of thieves? And it did draw the attention of all men in Jerusalem to himself. The common people, many of them, believed on him, seeing the signs he did for them. But the high classes, Scribes, Pharisees and doctors, for whom he shewed no sign, were divided among themselves about him. The more selfish and prejudiced began to grow bitter toward him. With them began then that hostility which ended in his death. But there were some honest souls among even this leading class. One of these was Nicodemus, "a man of the Pharisees," and "a ruler of the Jews," that is a member of the highest Jewish tribunal, the Sanhedrin. He was no ordinary man who dared to come to